



BRUSHFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Brushford Parish Council held at the Parish Hall, Brushford on Tuesday, January 8th., 2019

18/118 PRESENT

The following attended the meeting:

Parish Councillors: Mr H Albery, Mr D Garth, Mrs J Sandiford, Mrs S Cookson, Mr T Wilson

County & District Councillors in Attendance : Councillor B Heywood, Councillor F Nicholson

In the Chair: Mrs F Takel,

In Attendance: Mr. C Knight, Clerk .

Members of the Public : 0

18/119 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Thwaites and Prouse.

18/120 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

18/121 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on December 11th. were approved as a true record, and duly signed by the Chairman.

18/122 DEFERMENT OF BUSINESS

Councillor Wilson reported that there will be a Table Top Sale in the Parish Hall on Saturday, January 26th between 10.00am and 1.00pm in aid of the Hall's Car Park refurbishment.

18/123 PARIH MAINTENANCE

18/123/01 Parish Paths Consultation

Councillor Albery reported on progress in completing the paths survey, which is almost complete. There are no less than 18 identified paths within the parish, of which only one is maintained by the county council.. However, a number of previously unidentified paths were discussed and councillors were briefed to survey these.

18/123/02 Winter Salting Arrangements

Councillor Nicholson reported that slat bags will be available for collection from Minehead.

Furthermore, she reported that the county council has no plans to reinstate grit bin filing, roadside dumpy bags of 25g bags in the future and that the parish council must budget for these accordingly.

18/123/02 Road Closure Rules

Councillor Nicholson reported that there will be some changes to Road Closure rules towards the end of 2019 regarding permissions to work and the involvement of parish councils in their planning.

18/124 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

18/124/01 Housing Needs Survey

Councillor Garth reported that plans for the Housing Needs Survey are proceeding well and that Dulverton, Brompton Regis, Withypool an Exmoor Parish will also be involved.

The survey will be circulated to parish households on March 25th.

18/125/02 Neighbourhood Planning

Councillor Garth and the clerk will be attending a presentation on neighbourhood planning in Wellington on January 29th in order to build the knowledge base on this subject.

18/125 FINANCIAL REPORT

18/125/01 Payment Authorisation

The following payments were approved and the relevant cheques signed:

PAYEE	INVOICE NO.	EXPENSE	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHEQUE NUMBER
Amherst & Shapland		Staff Wages	£364.94		£364.94	
		Amherst & Shapland monthly fee	£12.50	£2.50	£15.00	
		Staff Wages and Administration	£377.44	£2.50	£379.94	NATWEST 000527
TOTAL			£377.44	£2.50	£379.94	

18/125/02 Clerk Salary Review

The meeting reviewed the clerk's salary and it was agreed that this should be moved to Spinal Column Point 9 in the NALC 2019 Salary Review, increasing the hourly rate from the current £9.36 to £10.57.

18/125/03 2019/20 Budget

The meeting revisited the planned budget for the upcoming year and it was decided to proceed with a precept of £21,000 in order to accommodate the significant increases the costs of salting (which the parish council must bear in the next winter season) and also the costs of the forthcoming council elections discussed at the last parish council meeting.

18/126 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

18/126 Western Power Building

Councillor Garth reported that despite assurances, there has been no hedge/tree planting carried out at the Western Power site, contrary to the planning requirement to do so by the end of December. This matter is to be raised with the planning department at ESC by the clerk.

18/127 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the parish hall at 6.30pm on Tuesday, February 12th.

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N Prouse, Chairman

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